

# 2023 AT A GLANCE

# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN CONGO**

### **HEALTH AND SECURITY**

400+ women healthier with gifts of calcium and vitamins

20 families near Uvira have new homes after flood loss

500+ victims of violence and destitution receive food, medical care, counsel, love

### **EDUCATION**

246 Students Served30 girls newly literate15 Computer students

#### **GRADUATES**

37 primary

18 secondary (A.A.)

13 sewing

### **ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

Microfinance in Kinshasa 52 new microloans to women 110 women repaying loans 200 practicing micro-savings

Farms in Kivu
New gardens in Goma by
guardians of orphans
100 women near Uvira with
successful coop farm

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# FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING in the USA

Cash \$216,783 In-kind \$5.418 128 Individual Donors12 Churches & Schools



**Exciting news!!! Congo's national elections were peaceful!** The year-long run-up to elections included sporadic violence & incredible inflation & grim fears for the future. Despite various levels of confusion (how much depends on the source) & delays at polling places, it was essentially peaceful & it is generally accepted that the current President Felix Tshisekedi was re-elected for another 5 years. This continuity is welcomed by most Congolese, who are grateful for the efforts he has made to extend free education & make other reforms.

In the meanwhile, widespread torrential rains across much of the country, including Kinshasa, have again demonstrated the severe effects of climate change in Congo (see next page).

Care packages, like the clothing which our partners in Kinshasa sent to destitute women & children in Goma, will still be needed. We are inspired to see the poor sharing with those even more poor!





■ FEBA Kinshasa 82%

CENEDI Kivu 10%

Admin. 3.5%

■ Fundraising 4.5%

### Income



■ Board 34%

Friends 19%

Churches 34%

■ Fundraisers 8.6%

■ Sales-Matches 4.4%

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!** Thank you for your wonderful response to our Giving Tuesday appeal = \$6140! That is 4 times our goal. The copier for Community Charity School is bought & many hungry children & girls & women sing their thanks to you!

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# **WOMEN OF KIVU**

# **Homes for Flood Victims**

Climate change is wreaking havoc in Congo. Rainy & dry seasons are no longer predictable, which makes farming very difficult. Torrential rains produce floods; people die, homes are washed away, others lose all their meager belongings in the floods even if they still have a roof. About a year ago, 143 families in villages near Uvira, Kivu, lost their homes. They took refuge in churches & schools, any place with a roof. Crowding & cold, lack of food & clean water, along with poor sanitation, meant much illness.

Forty families are long-term members of CENEDI, our Kivu partner. (Many women are survivors of rape.) CENEDI asked for help for rebuilding. The villagers provided labor, we pro-

vided funding for metal roofing, nails, doors & windows, etc., that they could not make themselves. Fund-a-Need donations at the gala were the start, then Princeton United Methodist made this their project...& supported 20 houses! THANK YOU SO MUCH, PUMC!









We hope that in the new

year more families may

be able to build & move



into real homes like this. But right now cholera is sweeping through this region. Many, especially those still in make-shift shelters, are ill, though we help as we can.

# **Gardens in Goma**

This year our Kivu partner CENEDI added a new feature to its work in Goma. On property bought several years ago as a future home for CCS, women /guardians of the orphan school children have started a garden to be able to feed their households.



With help, they cleared volcanic rock & made fences. The gala Fund-A-Need provided seeds. In the midst of endemic war, they work & hope for a good harvest.



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#### **CONTRIBUTE OR GET INVOLVED**

Contribute: Donate securely on our website <a href="https://www.WomanCradleofAbundance.org">www.WomanCradleofAbundance.org</a> or on FEBA, Inc., on Facebook. Or join our **monthly sustaining donations** & make remembering our friends in Congo easy!

Please designate "Sewing School" or "Goma School" or "Micro-loan Program" or "Farm Needs," or "Sustaining Gift" to support ongoing work.

Checks payable to Woman, Cradle of Abundance can be mailed to the treasurer at:

Woman, Cradle of Abundance attn: John McGlaughlin, Treasurer 115 Maine Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Does your company match donations? Consider nominating Woman, Cradle of Abundance.

Volunteer: Contact Cheryl Ciaranca, Community Outreach Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:cciaranca@gmail.com">cciaranca@gmail.com</a> or 215.292.3290 to discuss ways to partner with Woman Cradle of Abundance.